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# S. 914

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 9, 2011

Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO WAIVE COLLECTION OF COPAY-**  
4 **MENTS FOR TELEHEALTH AND TELEMEDI-**  
5 **CINE VISITS OF VETERANS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 17 of  
7 title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after  
8 section 1722A the following new section:

1 **“§ 1722B. Copayments: waiver of collection of copay-**  
 2 **ments for telehealth and telemedicine**  
 3 **visits of veterans**

4 “The Secretary may waive the imposition or collec-  
 5 tion of copayments for telehealth and telemedicine visits  
 6 of veterans under the laws administered by the Sec-  
 7 retary.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
 9 at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amended  
 10 by inserting after the item relating to section 1722A the  
 11 following new item:

“1722B. Copayments: waiver of collection of copayments for telehealth and tele-  
 medicine visits of veterans.”.

